

## ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M: 31-7-14  
(date entered 5-4-80)

1. Name: Dwyer House
2. Planning Area/Site Number: 31/7/14 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 21  
Capitol View H.D. H-4
4. Address: 10245 Capitol View Avenue, Silver Spring
5. Classification Summary
- |                    |                          |                           |                                                           |
|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Category           | <u>building</u>          | Previous Survey Recording | <u>M-NCPPC</u>                                            |
| Ownership          | <u>private</u>           | Title and Date:           | <u>Inventory of Historical</u>                            |
| Public Acquisition | <u>NA</u>                |                           | <u>Sites - 1976</u>                                       |
| Status             | <u>occupied</u>          |                           |                                                           |
| Accessible         | <u>no</u>                | Federal                   | <u>State</u> <u>X</u> <u>County</u> <u>X</u> <u>Local</u> |
| Present use        | <u>private residence</u> |                           |                                                           |
6. Date: 1893 7. Original Owner: Alexander Proctor
8. Apparent Condition
- a. good b. altered c. original site
9. Description: This large 2½ story square frame house faces south. It is two bays by two bays with a stone foundation, white clapboard siding, and central chimney. The hipped roof has gabled dormers on the front and rear facades. All windows are nine-over-nine double-hung, and several are twin windows. The front of the house has an unusually high cornice -- about 2' deep. The front and rear facades have small brick entrance porches with iron railings. Projecting from the west facade is a small two story rectangular wing with flat roof. The yard slopes away from the road. On the 1½ acre lot are a number of mature trees, and to the rear of the house are the formal gardens. Outbuildings include a brick and wood wishing well, frame shed, and the ruins of a larger frame building. The interior is very well maintained with completely wallpapered rooms, overlooking a lovely garden.
10. Significance: This was one of the early houses built in Capitol View Park along the railroad, constructed by Alexander Proctor in 1893. The developers of the subdivision, Mary and Oliver Harr, moved into this dwelling about 1895 when their own home burned. After an Equity case in which the Harrs lost their remaining 29 acres and home, this house was sold at auction. In 1911, Sarah Ann Wright purchased the house and land as it is today. It has been owned by the Dwyer family since 1935.
11. Researcher and date researched: Roberta Hahn - 2/79 Eileen McGuckian  
Arch. Description
12. Compiler: Eileen McGuckian 13. Date Compiled: 2/79 14. Designation  
Approval
15. Acreage: 1.484 acres

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

M: 31/7/14

Capitol View  
H.D.

MAGI#

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Dwyer House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

10245 Capitol View Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Silver Spring

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Madeline M., Helen S., and Isobel Dwyer

Telephone #: 588-2275

STREET &amp; NUMBER

10245 Capitol View Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Silver Spring

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20910

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 819

Folio #: 211

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20850

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20855

**7 DESCRIPTION**

**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This large 2½ story square frame house faces south on Capitol View Avenue just before the road makes a 90 degree turn around the property. The two bay by two bay house has a stone foundation (with full basement), white clapboard siding, and central chimney. The hipped roof is covered with slate shingles once laid in an imbricated pattern but which is now patched with square shingles. There are gabled dormers on the roof of the front and rear facades. All windows in the house are nine-over-nine double hung.

The front of the house has an unusually high cornice -- about two feet deep. The left bay on the first floor is a twin window, and the right is a glass and wood door with smaller window attached to its right. To the left, a small stepped brick and cement porch with iron railing leads to the front entrance. The rear facade also has a small brick entrance porch with iron railing.

The second bay on the first floor of the east facade is a twin window. Projecting from the west facade is a one bay by one bay two story rectangular wing with flat roof.

The yard slopes away from the road. On the one and a half acre lot are a number of mature trees, and to the rear of the house are the formal gardens. Outbuildings include a brick and wood wishing well, frame shed, and the ruins of a larger frame building.

The interior of the house today is well kept up and extremely gracious with its high ceilings, wide floor moldings, paneled stair wall, five fireplaces, and its completely wallpapered rooms. The beautiful hexagonal, wallpapered dining room at the rear of the house contains a dumbwaiter to the old kitchen (and probably servants' rooms) in the basement. The modern kitchen, off the dining room, and the bath above it were possibly built in a later addition. The grounds are beautifully planned, planted, and maintained.

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local History	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1893

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Alexander Proctor

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This elegant two story square, white frame, slate-roofed structure is one of the early houses built in Capitol View Park, a subdivision developed along the B&O Railroad between Kensington and Forest Glen in Montgomery County. The original subdivision plat was surveyed in 1887 for Mary Harr.<sup>1</sup> The dwelling is noteworthy not only for its beauty and prominence, being situated on the road from Kensington to Forest Glen, but also historically in connection with the Harrs, the developers and subdividers of Capitol View Park.

The house was constructed c. 1893 by Alexander Proctor, who had purchased the property the year before. Mary and Oliver Harr bought it in 1895.<sup>2</sup>

The Harrs were known to have lived in this house from testimony given in an Equity Case in 1908,<sup>3</sup> in which the Harrs eventually lost their remaining 29 acres and home. Mary Harr's house is described in testimony as being the only improvement on the 29 acres, "an 8 room frame house with slate roof and furnace...in that part of Capitol View Park nearest Kensington..." The house was further described as being about one-fourth mile from the Capitol View railroad station and being about 12 feet above the track level. (There was no direct road to Kensington at that time north of the tracks, access to the house being either across the tracks or across adjoining property.) As a result of the Equity Case, the land and house were sold at auction on May 3, 1910 to James Williams and Preston Ray.<sup>4</sup> In 1911 Sarah Ann Wright purchased the house and 1.484 acres which is the property as it is today. The property changed hands several times, including another public sale resulting from a mortgage default in 1931,<sup>5</sup> until it was purchased in 1935<sup>6</sup> by the Dwyer family which still lives there.

## FOOTNOTES:

1. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., Plat A/9 (1887).
2. Ibid., JA51/326 (Nov. 1895); Montgomery County Tax Assessments (1893).
3. Montgomery County Equity Records, Case #2225.
4. Land Records, op. cit., 214/430.
5. Equity Records, op. cit., Case #6088; Land Records, op. cit., 524/79.
6. Land Records, op. cit., 612/56.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Primary Sources: Montgomery County Court House: Land Records, Plat Maps, Mechanics' Liens, Equity Cases; Montgomery County Records Center: Montgomery County Tax Assessment Records; Montgomery County Public Library, Rockville, Md.: historic maps.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.484 acres

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION****LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Roberta Hahn

Eileen McGuckian  
Arch. Description

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

February 1979

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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## Owner Information

Owner Name: ANDRESEN, PETER C

Use: RESIDENTIAL

Principal Residence: NO

Mailing Address: PO BOX 58  
KENSINGTON MD 20895-0058

Deed Reference: 1) /15021/ 129  
2)

## Location &amp; Structure Information

Premises Address  
10245 CAPITOL VIEW AVE  
SILVER SPRING 20910

Zoning  
R60

Legal Description  
CAPITOL VIEW PARK

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:
HP53		P850		5				80	Plat Ref:
Special Tax Areas			Town Ad Valorem Tax Class	38					
Primary Structure Built			Enclosed Area	Property Land Area			County Use		
1893			2,000 SF	64,468.00 SF			111		
Stories		Basement		Type			Exterior		
2		YES		STANDARD UNIT			FRAME		

## Value Information

	Base Value	Value As Of	Phase-in Assessments	
		01/01/2001	As Of	As Of
			07/01/2002	07/01/2003
Land:	90,730	90,730		
Improvements:	125,380	173,150		
Total:	216,110	263,880	247,956	263,880
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	0

## Transfer Information

Seller: MADELINE M DWYER	Date: 07/17/1997	Price: \$260,000
Type: IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH	Deed1: /15021/ 129	Deed2:
Seller:	Date:	Price:
Type:	Deed1:	Deed2:
Seller:	Date:	Price:
Type:	Deed1:	Deed2:

## Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2002	07/01/2003
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

Tax Exempt: NO  
Exempt Class:

Special Tax Recapture:

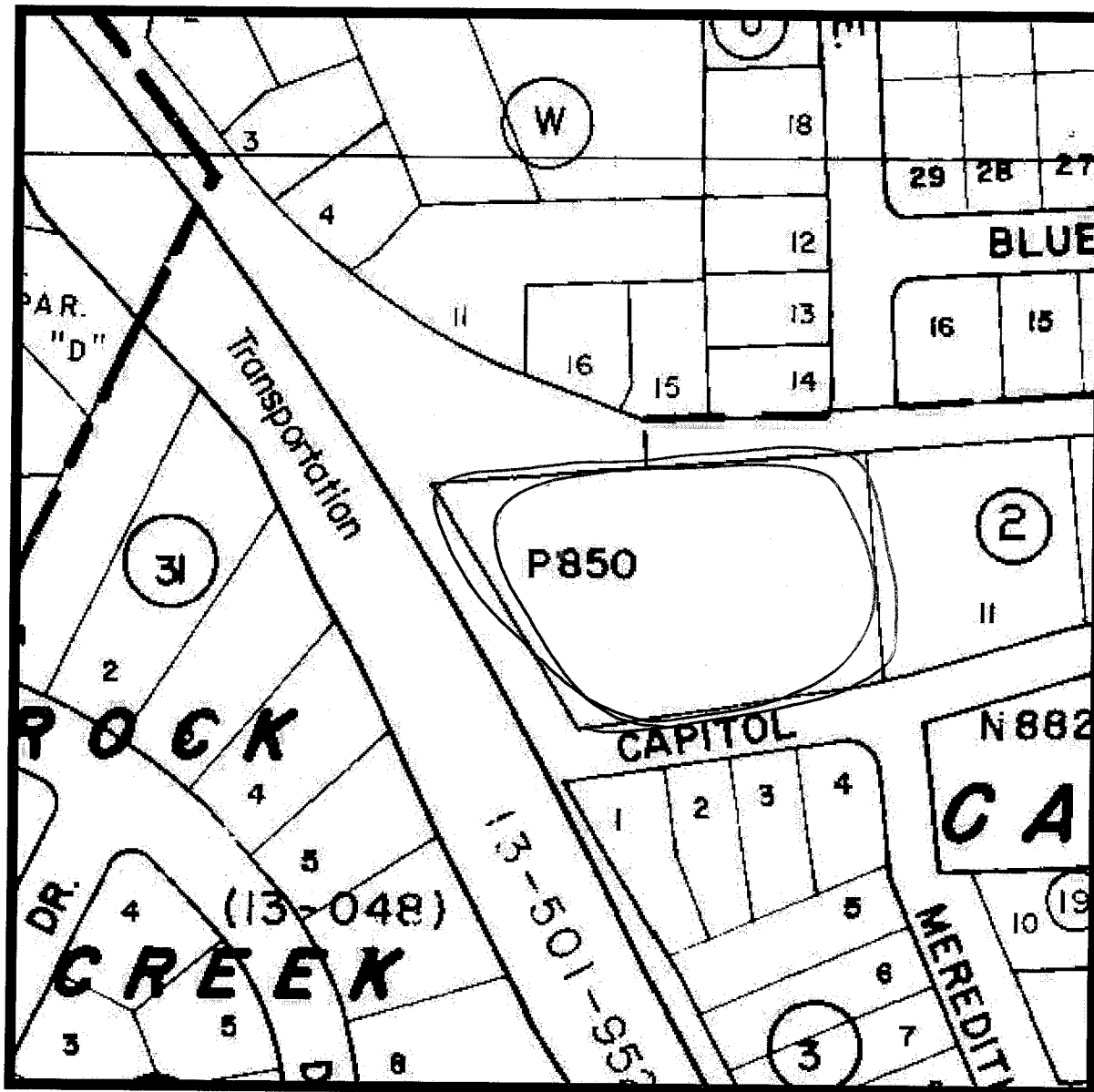
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Kensington Quadrangle

